
QUOTABLE FACTS OF UTAH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

FY2016

- The total number of visits to public libraries¹ in Utah outnumbers the passenger traffic *out* of Salt Lake City International Airport. ²
- More Utahns are registered to use the public library³ than are registered to vote.⁴
- Participants in library programs in 2016⁵ would fill the Maverik Center⁶ 158 times or the Vivint Arena⁷ 95 times.
- More people visited Utah public libraries⁸ than all Utah's national parks, monuments, recreation areas, and historical sites – combined.⁹
- More materials are circulated in Utah public libraries¹⁰ than the number of Brine Shrimp living in the Great Salt Lake.¹¹
- There are more public libraries¹² in Utah than McDonalds.¹³
- The average household in Salt Lake County¹⁴ pays \$169.61 per year for library service.¹⁵ For that amount you could...
 - \$ Buy about 6 hardcover fiction books¹⁶
 - \$ Buy about 5 or 6 Utah Jazz basketball tickets¹⁷
 - \$ A couple of all-day ski lift tickets¹⁸

¹ FY2016 Library Visits: 15,496,291 – Source: FY2016 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

² Total Passengers Enplaned: 11,582,517 – Source: Salt Lake City International Airport, Summary Statistics for 2016 <http://www.slcairport.com/cmsdocuments/airstatsSummary2014.pdf>

³ FY2016 Registered Borrowers: 1,801,918 – Source: FY2016 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

⁴ Total Utah Registered Voters: 1,531,799 – Source: State of Utah Elections Office, Voter Statistics (Updated 04/18/16) <http://elections.utah.gov/party-and-status>

⁵ FY2016 Total Program Attendance: 1,897,749 – Source: FY2016 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

⁶ Maverik Center seating capacity for basketball: 12,000 – Source:

http://www.maverikcenter.com/about_maverik_center.aspx

⁷ Vivint Arena seating capacity for basketball: 20,000 – Source: <http://www.vivintarena.com>

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⁹ 14,409,739 recreation visitors to all Utah’s national parks, monuments, recreation areas and historical sites.

Source: <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/National>

¹⁰ FY2016 Total Circulation: 34,849,220 – Source: FY2016 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.

¹¹ Number of Brine Shrimp: 32,066,788 – Source: <http://wildlife.utah.gov>

¹² FY2016 Number of Libraries: 145 – Source: <http://heritage.utah.gov/library/directory>

¹³ Number of McDonalds: 117 – Source: <http://www.hoursguide.com/mcdonalds/utah>

¹⁴ Single Family Home Median Price in Salt Lake County = \$265,433 – Source:

<http://www.bestsaltlakehomes.com/historic-prices/slc-annual-2017.html>

¹⁵ 2016 Proposed Tax Rate for Salt Lake County = 0.000639 – Source: 2016 Proposed Tax Rate for Libraries

<http://heritage.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/USL-2016-Library-Tax-Rates.pdf>

¹⁶ (2013 Adult Fiction hardcover = \$26.63) Source: <http://www.slj.com/2013/06/research/sljs-average-book-prices-2013>

¹⁷ (2017 Utah Jazz tickets starting at \$29.00) Source: www.nba.com/jazz/tickets

¹⁸ (2017 All day ski ticket to Brighton Ski Resort = \$79.00) Source: <http://www.brightonresort.com/buy-tickets/day-tickets/>